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Item

Parks and Recreation Manager's Report

Date

10/21/2015

Description

**October 21, 2015 PARC Meeting
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Item 5.B.**

1. Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project – The contractor has successfully drilled through the existing six foot wide west abutment pier 1 without hitting the existing H pile that was behind the abutment and installed with the 1957 repair of the abutment. This hole will be used to install the new tieback anchors to keep the abutment from moving farther. The tieback anchors are currently scheduled to be installed the week of September 21.

The contractor is gaining speed on installing the temporary access spans and will be working on temporary access spans 5 and 6 the week of August 31. The contractor will be off loading concrete barrier that will be used as part of the heavy duty silt fence construction on the east side of the bridge. They will be temporarily storing this material on the Fish & Wildlife Service Archery Range. The delivery of the material is currently scheduled for September 1, and should only close the range for that day (weather dependent).

Once access span 5 is complete, the contractor can begin removing the timber deck and stringers from existing span 1 of Old Cedar Avenue Bridge. This work is anticipated to begin in early September. A new graphic to help clarify the updates has been developed for the website as work begins on the existing structure. Work on the Century Link fiber line under the bridge has begun. This work must first be completed before work on the bridge itself may commence. It is expected that this utilities work should be completed by mid-July.

2. Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Project - The bid opening for the Pedestrian Crossing Project (which includes the crossing of East Bush Lake Road at the entrance to Bush Lake Beach), which was the 2nd bid opening for this project, was held on July 14 and there were no bids received for the project. Staff was optimistic on receiving bids based on previous discussion with Contractors after the first bid opening, however due to the large amount of available construction work many Contractors do not have much capacity to bid anymore work this construction season. Staff has been in contact with MnDOT Federal Aid and intend on rebidding this Project in early 2016 when Contractors are looking for projects to bid for the 2016 season and typically more competitive bids are received.
3. Hyland Greens Task Force Update – The first meeting was scheduled to be held on October 14. Staff will provide a verbal update on the meeting at the October 21 PARC meeting.
4. Coyotes in Bloomington – Animal Control staff have deployed coyote traps to address the significant increase in domestic pets being attacked by coyotes in southwest Bloomington. Police have taken nine reports that imply small dogs have been killed by coyotes this summer/fall. Along with the confirmed kills, there have been a number of dogs that were injured by coyotes, and a number of missing dogs and cats reported. Police staff has notified neighborhoods of these recent coyote attacks via Social Media sites; and the Sun Current Newspaper also featured an article. All notifications included information on which neighborhoods reported the most active coyote populations. In addition, animal control has made personal

visits to affected area homeowners to educate them on hazing techniques and to encourage pet owners to keep a close eye on their pets.

5. Hyland Hills Chalet Grand Opening - The Three Rivers Park District held a grand opening of the new Chalet at Hyland Hills Ski Area on Saturday, September 26.
6. Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over Long Meadow Lake - Work on temporary access spans 14 and 15 will occur the week of October 5. The work on shoring foundation around Span 2 is winding down. The tieback anchors will be installed on the east abutment. Reconstruction of the west abutment backwall is scheduled to begin the week of October 5. Bottom chord bracing on Span 3 will be placed on October 5 which will allow for the removal of Span 3's existing timber deck and stringers.



7. John Stutzman Receives NRPA Award - On September 17, Recreation Supervisor John Stutzman received a Young Professional Fellows Award at the Best of the Best Ceremony at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Conference. The primary focus of the fellowship program is to inspire future participation and leadership in the NRPA and to develop contacts with NRPA professionals from around the nation. John received a complimentary registration to the NRPA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV as well as a travel stipend of up to \$1000. Below is a photo of John along with other Bloomington Parks and Recreation staff who attended the conference.



8. Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trail Project - Pedestrian ramp work at the 12th Avenue bridge is complete and special surface finishing on the bridge is scheduled for the week of October 5 along with bituminous patching in the street. Signal work along 12th Avenue is anticipated to be complete late in the week of September 28. Signal work has started at the intersection of 86th Street and Old Cedar Avenue and will

continue the week of October 5 along with the remaining concrete work. Tree and shrub planting along the corridor will occur in October.

9. Old Cedar Avenue Trail Project - As part of the feasibility investigation for the trail and road improvements along Old Cedar Avenue, geotechnical information will be gathered. One of the boring locations will require removal of brush to provide access for the drill rig. Braun Intertec originally indicated that their rig and crew were out six weeks, but with a cancelation and the proximity to their office, they have moved the start of work to Wednesday, September 30, weather dependent. A letter has been sent to adjacent residents informing them of this upcoming work.
10. Resolution Opposing Dan Patch River Vehicle Crossing - At its September 14 meeting, the City Council approved a resolution opposing a new vehicle crossing of the Minnesota River proposed by the City of Savage in its recently completed scoping study.

Requested Action

No action required.

Attachments: